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Weather for Sunday.
Generally fair.
The Metals.
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BRUTAL MURDER AT RENO, NEV.

R. J. Little Shot and Beaten
With Rocks—Body Is
Thrown Into Ditch.

VALUABLE PAPERS TAKEN

VICTIM AGENT FOR SAN FRAN-
CISCO COLLECTION AGENCY.

Reno, Nev., Aug. 7.—One of the most brutal murders ever recorded in the history of Reno's crimes was committed last night within 200 yards of the home of United States Senator Nixon, when R. J. Little, agent for a San Francisco collection agency, was shot, beaten about the head with rocks and thrown face downward into an irrigation ditch, his body then being weighted down with a 100-pound stone. While the clothes of the victim were carefully searched since at the Golden rule is not believed to have been the motive for the crime, since valuable jewelry which the man wore was not taken. The body was discovered this morning by a little girl, who was attracted to it by the barking of her dog. The authorities were notified and had the body taken to an undertaking parlor, where it was identified by the hotel people with whom Little had been stopping. The police are working on the case, but so far without result.

Had Been Collecting Bills.

Little came to Reno on July 6 and had been registered since at the Golden rule hotel. He made a business of collecting bills for local physicians. His habits were not out of the ordinary. He was last seen at the hotel Thursday night.

An autopsy this afternoon showed that Little was severely beaten before he was shot. His skull was fractured, a crack extending from the right temple clear around to the back of the head. The base of the nose was broken. Little was shot twice, the bullets being of .45 caliber and fired at very close range. One entered behind the left ear, the other in the back of the head.

The police believe that at least two men had a hand in the crime, but they have been unable to find a motive for it. Rocks spattered with blood and brains about fifty feet from where the body was found show where the first encounter took place. Marks on the ground indicate that Little fell there and was dragged to the ditch.

CAUSE OF THE CRIME.
Murdered Man Had Valuable Papers in His Possession.
A. J. McIsaac, Aug. 7.—R. J. Little, who was murdered in Reno, Nev., last night, was employed by the International Protective association, a law and commercial agency having offices here. Manager J. M. Rich of the association said this afternoon that Little, who was a single man, has been working under the direction for about a year. He had been away from the city, however, for some time. So far as he knew he had with him about \$150 in cash and some

SENATE IRRIGATION COMMITTEE TO MAKE TOUR OF NORTHWESTERN STATES

Washington, Aug. 7.—The senate committee on irrigation will soon begin its inspection of lands in the northwest for which reclamation projects are under way. Members of the committee will assemble at Chicago.

Senator Carter of Montana is chairman of the committee. The other members who will make the trip are Senators Warren of Wyoming, Chamberlain of Oregon, Flint of California, Painter of Kentucky and Borah of Idaho.

At Billings, Mont., on Aug. 15, Secretary of the Interior Ballinger and Director Newell of the reclamation service will join the committee and accompany it upon its mission.

About one-half the work mapped out for the committee will be completed this month. The inspection will be discontinued until November, when it will be resumed, with Seattle as the starting point. Leaving Chicago on Aug. 13, the committee will arrive at Glendive, Mont., the morning of Aug. 13. That day and the next the lower Yellowstone project will be inspected. On Sunday, Aug. 15, the party will reach Billings and the next day the Guntley project will be inspected.

Other projects are to receive the attention of the party on the following dates: Aug. 17 and 18, Shoshone project in northern Wyoming; 19 and 20, Great Falls and Sun River projects; 21, Lower Milk River project and Dodson dam; 23 and 24, St. Mary's lake diversion canal line; 25, Kallispell and Flathead projects; 27 and 28, Yakima Valley projects.

The party will arrive in Seattle the morning of Aug. 29.

ROBBER FOILED BY MISS FROST

Principal of Bryant School
Fights With Footpad and
Saves Her Purse.

HAND-TO-HAND ENCOUNTER

YOUTHFUL THUG SEIZES HAND-
BAG, BUT MEETS RESISTANCE.

Miss Grace E. Frost, principal of the Bryant school, saved her purse by bravely standing her ground and fighting off a thief who attacked her near her home in the Kensington apartments shortly after 8 o'clock last night. Accompanied by her aunt, Miss Frost had left her apartments for a short walk in the neighborhood. They were strolling along leisurely, engaged in conversation, with no idea that a purse-snatcher was following a few paces behind. Miss Frost carried her purse, containing \$11.50, hanging from a white linen cord in her right hand.

A short distance above First North street she was startled by the sudden appearance of the stranger, who had stolen silently up to her side. Before she fully realized his intentions the man made a desperate grab for the purse and tried to wrench it from her hand. The task was more difficult apparently than he had expected, for Miss Frost retained her hold and fought back at every attack. For a brief interval a fierce encounter was kept up between the thief and his intended victim.

By this time, thoroughly frightened by the cries of Miss Frost, who kept calling for help, the stranger gave a last desperate tug at the purse, and, failing to get it, threw Miss Frost away from him, setting her off in a full and furious flight. In being knocked backward, Miss Frost collided with her aunt, the impact throwing the aged woman to the street and causing her to wrench her ankle, which was still weak from a sprain sustained a few weeks ago. This second injury and the attendant shock of the fall brought on an attack of extreme nervousness which required medical attention later.

Miss Frost caught up a fleeting glimpse of the thief in the darkness. She described him as a young man, perhaps 20 years old, neatly dressed, and says she believes she will be able to identify him if he is caught by the police.

TURKS WARN THE GREEKS

Trouble Will Follow Recognition of
the Annexation Desires of
the Cretans.

Athens, Greece, Aug. 7.—The Turkish government has communicated to Greece an urgent note asking that she express her disapproval of the annexation agitation in Crete and formally declare that Greece has no ambitions regarding the island. Otherwise, the note adds, diplomatic representations will be severed.

Berlin, Aug. 7.—German government circles regard the situation between Turkey and Greece as being in a most acute stage. Germany has made representations to both Constantinople and Athens urging the necessity of a peaceable solution of the Cretan situation. She has advised both sides to adopt a more moderate attitude in the interest of peace, and has urged against any course which must lead to serious complications.



Salt Lake's Honored Guest.

INQUIRY BOARD MET IN SECRET

Mrs. Sutton Very Much Dis-
satisfied With Conduct
of the Case.

Annapolis, Md., Aug. 7.—The board of inquiry which is investigating the death of James N. Sutton of Portland, Ore., went into session behind closed doors today. After the reading of Mrs. Sutton's letters Commander Hood, president of the board of inquiry, adjourned court until 10 a. m. today.

The appearance in a New York morning paper of parts of the letters supposed to have been written by Mrs. Sutton caused Commander Hood to send out word from the court room that the letters referred to in the publication had nothing to do with the case.

At the adjournment of court Mr. Davis, counsel for Mrs. Sutton, said the board had decided to resume open sessions on Monday. Mrs. Sutton had requested it, he said. It was understood Major Leonard had simply read the letters in evidence today and would conduct Mrs. Sutton's examination in regard to them in open court. Mrs. Sutton expressed her dissatisfaction with the secret proceedings when seen after today's session.

Nothing to Keep Back.

"If my letters are to be put in evidence I would prefer to have them made public," she said. "There may be some startling statements in them, but I am ready to back up what I have said and have nothing to conceal from the public. I am perfectly willing to have my examination conducted publicly and shall use every effort to have all the remaining sessions open to the public."

Most of the secret session today, it was said, was occupied with reading yesterday's record and argument to expunge certain parts of it, on the judge

CAUGHT WITH THE GOODS

Wealthy California Fruit Grower Has
Bitter Experience With
Customs Officers.

New York, Aug. 7.—Adolph Fleischmann, a wealthy fruit grower of Los Angeles, Cal., had to pay the United States customs service \$2,555 today because goods he and his wife brought with them on their return from their wedding trip abroad had been declared as worth only \$340. The customs officials appraised them at \$1,657, and seized them for undervaluation. When Mr. Fleischmann and his bride appeared for a hearing before Customs Solicitor Harrison Osborne today Mr. Fleischmann's attorney argued that a bride and groom of only six months should not be severely dealt with for failure to remember some prosaic things as customs duties. Many of the articles had been worn abroad and the declaration was signed on the assumption that such articles were not dutiable.

The penalty imposed was the value of the goods, with duty at 60 per cent. Mr. Fleischmann paid the amount, took the goods and, with his bride and her mother, Mrs. W. H. Bremmer, left for a railroad station to take a train for the Pacific coast.

CERTIFICATES ISSUED.

(Special to The Herald.)
Boston, Mass., Aug. 7.—The International Smelting & Refining company has issued its permanent certificates, which will be transferable either in Boston or New York. The engraved certificates will be issued only in denominations of 100 shares or less. But \$20,000,000 of the \$500,000,000 authorized capital has been issued and there is comparatively little in the hands of the public, stockholders numbering but a few hundred.

CASE OF PLAGUE IN CALIFORNIA

Victim Is Supposed to Have
Contracted Disease Hand-
ling Ground Squirrels.

Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 7.—The discovery a few days ago of an authentic case of bubonic plague in Sonoma, Alameda county, has inspired the state board of health to renewed activity in the campaign against the ground squirrel in that and adjacent counties.

At a meeting today it was decided to prosecute the work with more vigor than heretofore in an effort to exterminate these infection-carrying rodents.

Joseph Mendoza, the youth who is ill with the plague in the Alameda hospital, is supposed to have contracted the disease through eating or handling infected squirrels killed by him on a hunting trip last week.

For some months the United States marine hospital and public health service, under Surgeon Rupert Blue, in co-operation with the state health officials, have been prosecuting extensive research work in Contra Costa and adjacent counties, with a view to determining the precise statute of the ground squirrel as an agent of infection and to discover also the best method of extermination. Thousands of squirrels have been killed or caught by hunters in the employ of the marine hospital service, and bacteriological examination has demonstrated the existence of plague among them, but not to an alarming extent. The effort of these officials is now being directed largely to the discovery of an efficient method of squirrel extermination, and some interesting experiments are being made to this end.

ARRIVAL OF NEVIUS OFFICIAL OPENING OF ENCAMPMENT

Commander-in-Chief of Grand Army
Impressed by Splendid Prepar-
ations—Sterrett Predicts
Large Attendance

ARRIVAL OF NEVIUS.

When I was here last winter I was impressed by the beauty of Salt Lake and the hospitality of its citizens. I have made two or three trips to Salt Lake since that time, and on each occasion my admiration for its people grew. But even taking into consideration what I had learned on these visits, I was not prepared for what I found here tonight. Salt Lake's wondrous beauty is enhanced by the most beautiful decorations I have ever seen; its hospitality is shown by the willing labors of its every citizen, giving time and energy to our every detail. Your people have left nothing undone that might add to the accommodation and comfort of your guests. I know that no city ever extended the Grand Army of the Republic a more royal welcome than Salt Lake. It will be a great week for Salt Lake and a great week for the veterans of the G. A. R.—General Henry M. Nevius, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R.

STERRETT ON SITUATION.

I am prepared to say that at no encampment in the past have the plans been so carefully prepared and followed out in their detail as they have been for the encampment which begins Monday. Everything points to the encampment being a success in every way. I have no reason to change my estimate of the number who will attend the encampment. I believe there will be 20,000 veterans here, and 75,000 people all told. The decorations are the best that were ever seen at an encampment, not even excepting the encampment at Columbus, when the decorations were pronounced the best up to that time.

Colonel Frank M. Sterrett, executive director of the Grand Army encampment, the forty-third annual gathering of the veterans of the war of the states, which will begin tomorrow, is pleased beyond expression with the conditions as he found them at 6 o'clock last evening.

Arriving at the beautiful new union depot, whirled to his headquarters at the Knutsford hotel beneath a canopy of streaming colors and thousands of dazzling lights, General Henry M. Nevius, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, was shown a picture of Salt Lake far more beautiful than he had ever seen before. The gala appearance of Salt Lake last night was his bow in party dress to the commander-in-chief.

The commander-in-chief and his party, occupying two special cars, arrived over the Oregon Short Line at 9:30 last night, four hours late. Most of the party had been on the road for three days and were travel-tired when they reached Salt Lake. At the new union depot the commander-in-chief and staff were met by Colonel F. M. Sterrett, executive director of the G. A. R. encampment, and a reception committee composed of veterans and citizens of Salt Lake.

Reception Committee.

In the party were Commander-in-Chief Henry M. Nevius and wife of Redbank, N. J.; Adjutant General Frank O. Cole and wife of Jersey City, N. J.; Quartermaster General Cola D. R. Stowits of Buffalo; Chaplain-in-Chief John F. Spence, Knoxville, Ind.; Assistant Quartermaster General J. Henry Holcomb of Philadelphia; William H. Armstrong of Indianapolis; William J. Patterson of Pittsburg, members of the national executive committee; Past Commander-in-Chief Eli Torrance of Minneapolis; Past Commander-in-Chief C. G. Burton, Nevada, Mo.; Miss Clara F. Hoover of Chicago, president of the Daughters of Veterans; Mrs. Genevieve Hager Longfield Lane of Chicago, president of the Ladies of the G. A. R.; Mrs. Mary E. Gilman of Boston, president of the Woman's Relief Corps; J. L. Bennett and wife of Chicago; J. R. Wess and wife of Jersey City, N. J.; S. H. Valley of Denver, past commander-in-chief; S. S. Hurdett of Washington, D. C.; John R. King of Baltimore, and Mrs. Nellie Roberts of Kansas City.

Mrs. Lane and Mrs. Gilman are at the Kenyon and the others of the party are at the Knutsford. National headquarters will be maintained at the Knutsford hotel. The members of the staff of the commander-in-chief will have their headquarters at the Eagles' hall, and the headquarters of the Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the G. A. R. will be at the Kenyon.

Late last night the Ohio special arrived, bringing the veterans from Ohio and a car of veterans from Washington.

Twenty Thousand Veterans.

"I have no reason to change my estimate of the number who will attend the encampment. I believe there will be 20,000 veterans here, and 75,000 people all told, meaning by this people who do not live in Salt Lake."

"Do the 20,000 include others than veterans?"

"No; that is exclusive of the Sons of Veterans, Spanish War Veterans and the descendants of veterans. If you have 75,000 people here, it will be about the proportion that always has existed. Of course, the attendance of veterans will not be so large as at previous encampments. There are two principal reasons for this. In the first place, the distance is great and the cost of travel high. Our membership consists largely of poor people. We figure that 10 per cent of our members are wealthy; 30 per cent well to do, and the remaining 60 per cent poor. These save a little from their salary each month for the encampment. In the second place, our members are growing old, and traveling is fatiguing. The average age of our membership now is 68 years."

Plans Are Perfect.

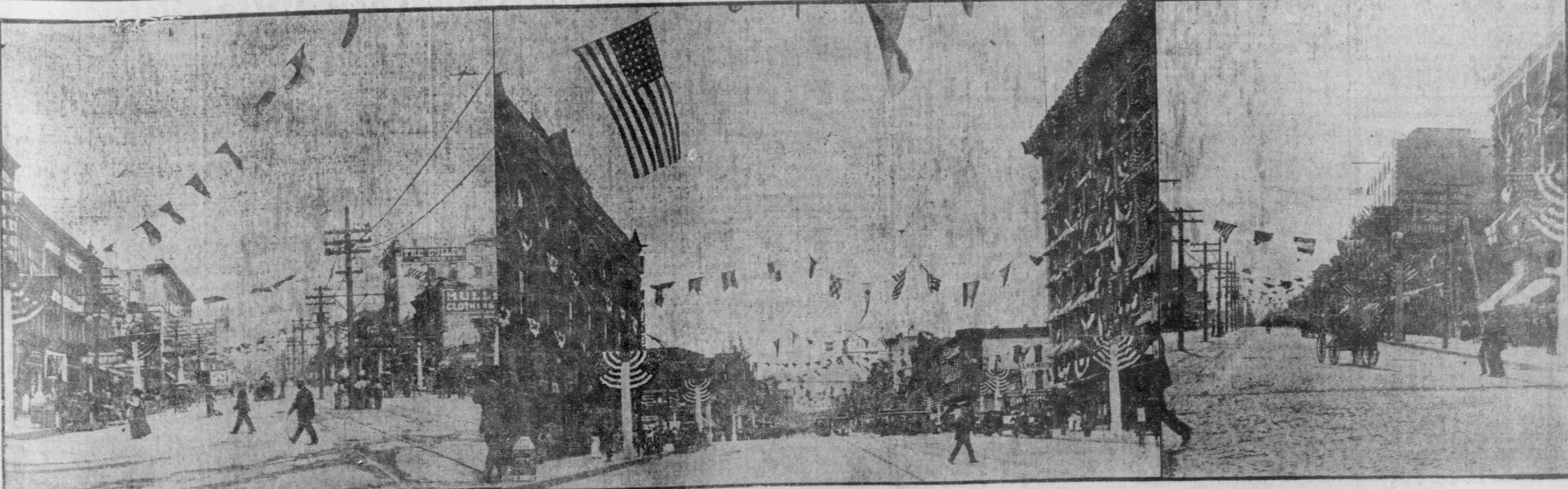
"What do you think of the prospects for the encampment?"

"I am prepared to say that at no encampment in the past have the plans been so carefully prepared and followed out in their detail as they have been for the encampment which begins Monday. Everything points to the encampment being a success in every way. I have been a member of the executive committee for sixteen years, during thirteen of which I have been practically in charge of all the arrangements. The plans laid for this encampment were the most satisfactory I have ever seen, and the details have been wonderfully well worked out. We have good chairmen on the committees, and we had only one or two chairmen who were indifferent. These were on unimportant committees. Your people have worked

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SALT LAKE CITY IN ENCAMPMENT ATTIRE



Looking east on Second South street.

A view of the flags on Main street.

Photos by Shipley.

Some of the flags on Third South street.